

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 10, lines 20-22 with the following amended paragraph:

a¹ Application 300 [[send]] sends a request for an operation to keystore APIs 302 for cryptographic operations and to manage keys.

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 18, lines 3-4 with the following amended paragraph:

a² In such [[as]]a case, an update would be necessary.

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 22, lines 16-23 with the following amended paragraph:

a³ The interface of the present invention, the keystore APIs, allow for operations such as generating a keypair, adding a certificate, deleting a certificate, retrieving a certificate, signing data, verifying a signature, encrypting data, and verifying proof of possession of a private key to occur without requiring the application to handle all of the calls required to perform these operations.

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 14, lines 12-14 with the following amended paragraph:

a⁴ PKCS#11 is a cryptographic token interface standard under RSA Data Security, Inc., Redwood City, CA, (www.rsa.com).